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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 17, 2004 (“the Office Action”), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.